



## Give Thanks For Bountiful Blessings

**Editor's Note:** Several weeks ago we asked readers to share with Lancaster Farming the blessings for which they are thankful. The thoughtful, personal responses to our request reflect the multitude of joys found in daily life in rural America. We hope you will take time from your holiday preparations to read their lists of blessings. They may inspire you to consider the true purpose of Thanksgiving — giving thanks to God.

"I find that the things that stand out most on my list of things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving are: the gift of salvation and eternal life, the blessings God has answered our needs with this trying year, the love of a wonderful husband and daughter, the times spent with them, the beauty of God's creation around me, the freedom to live in the U.S.A. and to know that with our gifts we can help those in need."

Linda Rontschler  
Kutztown

"What am I thankful for? These four things sum it up quite well: health, freedom of worship, family and friends, and prosperity.

"Now let me explain. No we are not rich, far from it. But we have clothes for our backs, a warm home and no one ever went to bed hungry unless he or she wanted to. Two healthy boys, and yes, they do cry and fight, but I'm thankful they have the energy to. Starving babies don't cry, they can't. I'm thankful for their good days, when smiles and laughter fill our home.

"And no, my husband and I don't always agree on everything, but I'm very thankful we've never gone to bed angry at each other either.

"I'm thankful for friends. They ease life's trials and share life's joys.

"I thank God for the privilege to worship him as I choose, not by force, but by choice.

"I am thankful for healthy bodies that carry us through long days of haying and getting up in the middle of the night.

"I could go on and on for in

almost everything you can find — something to be truly thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving!"

Mrs. David Martin  
New Holland

"I am thankful:

"For my husband. He is my dear friend, my partner and the perfect provider.

"For the opportunity of being part of a farm family. The hard work, long hours, the frustrations and successes help to pull us together. We are reminded daily that there is a time to let go and trust in God.

"The soybean crop, which wasn't good this year. But it was better than the corn crop. This bad year makes us grateful for last year and hopeful for the year to come.

"For my little son who wants a new bookbag. Not for himself, but for a kindergarten friend who doesn't have one.

"For my daughter, who insists on all the latest fashions and rock music, but who isn't too "grown up" to sit on my lap and share her innermost thoughts.

"The rain, the first green shoots of winter wheat, the smell of freshly plowed earth, the flight of a bird, a most spectacular fall and the knowledge that spring is just a few months away.

"The first rays of a sunrise and the last rays of a sunset. A friend to share them with.

"For a dying friend who helped me to find God's love in the small things that most of us take for granted.

"My friends and family who accept me as I am and care enough to share the joys and sorrows that life holds.

"My church family They are always there for me. Their prayers and words of encouragement help me through each day

"And most of all I am thankful for a most loving God. He has given me so much. In return, I give him my thankful heart."

Doris Moore  
Fawn Grove

"I am thankful for:

"My husband, Charlie.

"My son, Dusty.

"My family's health.

"I'm thankful for my best friend Cindy, who is always there for me.

"My warm home.

"All the food that was given to me to can this past summer.

"All of our families that you can always count on to be there for you.

"The winter's snowfall.

"My neighbor Betty — she's the best!"

Patty Potter  
Westfield

"As we approach Thanksgiving Day, the day set aside to give thanks, our hearts and minds are drawn to Almighty God with gratitude and praise. It is because of Him that we can truly enjoy the blessings He showers upon us daily.

"The privilege of living in America, still the land of the free, where we can exercise our privilege as voters, where we still have open church doors, the freedom of worship.

"The blessings of home and family, where grandparents are cherished, parents respected and children encouraged and praised to walk a worthy life and to use every opportunity to nurture their minds with good and wholesome thoughts.

"On Thanksgiving Day, the table laden with the fruits of our labors and loved ones gather round, truly is a blessing.

"To be surrounded with good neighbors is a privilege we might take for granted. As we pass on the highways and byways of life, a wave or a handshake is a joy, just to know in times of stress or need, they are supportive by word or deed.

"And on that day as the fireplace crackles with the fire burning the wood and logs hewn and chopped by the men in the family, and the chestnuts popping, all creating the warm atmosphere of love and Thanksgiving.

"As heads bow for the blessing upon our food, we can surely say as the Psalmist said, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!"

Florence H. Wolfe  
Westminster, Md.

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